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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Destructor [redacted] - ED-174

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1. On 22 March 1957 the undersigned visited the [redacted]

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2. [redacted] were contacted concerning the subject project. These men are Agency cleared and are knowledgeable of Agency interest. The undersigned briefed them on security and stated that our interest in this project is strictly on a need-to-know basis. It was agreed that no one else would be told of Agency interest.

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3. The [redacted] group was requested to submit a proposal for the development of a destructor with the following design characteristics:

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- A. To fire prima-cord
- B. Have a minimum delay of 30 seconds ~~and~~ 5 seconds
- C. Not to be larger than 5x5-3/4x6 inches
- D. Withstand standard Mil Std Specifications on temperature range, jumble, jolt, shake, drop, vibration, etc.
- E. Be of suitable quality for an aircraft type installation
- F. Have an ARM switch and a FIRE switch
- G. Be double channeled
- H. Be reliable (see para 4)
- I. Delivery by 1 Sept. 1957

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4. This organization is currently developing a similar type of destructor for [redacted] and have like requirements for reliability. Based on past experience [redacted] plans on using proven known components wherever possible and when new components are used, testing them extensively. They then feel that by assembling 25-35 complete units and testing them a prediction as to what reliability we can expect can be made.

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5. [redacted] was asked to furnish a total of 15 finished devices together with appropriate instructions, final report, specifications and drawings.

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ACTION: Upon receipt of the proposal, the undersigned will evaluate it and if acceptable, initiate action so the contractor can start work as soon as possible.

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CC: APD [redacted]

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